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VICTORIA CLIMBIÉ INQUIRY – SELF AUDIT

Thank you for submitting the self-audit following the Victoria Climbié Inquiry. Your Council's link inspector has now evaluated this.

The completed evaluation template is attached. You will see that it includes an evaluation of how well you are serving children (**serving most children well**) and the council's capacity to improve (**promising**).

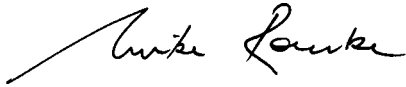
These judgements will be taken into account in the star rating process in the autumn. Given the importance of safeguarding children the evaluation of the audit will form a Key Performance Indicator (KPI) in the overall performance assessment of councils. Any council judged through this evaluation process as 'not serving children well' or only 'serving some children well' cannot be judged as 'serving most' or 'all children well' in the overall assessment of children's services.

If you wish to comment on the evaluation and/or discuss it please contact your link inspector. Aspects of the audit are likely to be discussed at the Annual Review Meeting and will be part of continuing discussions with your Director of Social Services.

The evaluation of your audit should be published as a document of public access and should be presented to the appropriate committee of the council with responsibility for social services.

If you have any queries about this letter or the evaluation please contact your link inspector Deborah Clogg, email: deborah.clogg@doh.gsi.gov.uk, Telephone: 020 7972 2868.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Rourke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Mike Rourke
Director
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